

Today's Advertisements.

ELITE SKATING RINK, DUNDRELL STREET.

TONIGHT AND EVERY EVENING, AT 9 P.M.

THURSDAY, the 17th January, 1897.
A HANDSOME GOLD MEDAL will be competed for by MIDDLE WEIGHT BOXERS.
Several Middle and Light Weight will box a number of rounds.

SATURDAY, the 19th January, 1897.
A Farewell Benefit will be tendered to SAM MARKS, prior to his departure for Shanghai. On which occasion, a host of attractions will be presented by several Local Artists.

The WEST YORKS BAND will be in attendance.

Admission—\$1.00.
SAM MARKS, Proprietor.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [69]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH, SUAKIM, MASSAWAH, HODEDDA, ADEN, KURRA, CHEE, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"MEDUSA," having arrived, Consignees are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This vessel brings on Cargo—
From Calcutta, ex S.S. "DAPHNE," transhipped at Colombo.
From Trieste, ex S.S. "IMPERATOR," transhipped at Bombay.

From Venice, ex S.S. "MASSIMILIANO," transhipped at Trieste.
From Venice, ex S.S. "CARLOTTA," transhipped at Trieste.

Optional Cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-MORROW.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon on the 26th instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 26th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [134]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship "CHINA," are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns at Wharf, from whence delivery may be obtained on countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 25th instant, will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [135]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship
"YUENSANG," Captain W. Waddell, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 20th instant, at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers.
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [137]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship
"POLYPHEMUS," Captain Goodwin, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 20th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [137]

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship
"NAMO," Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 21st instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAURENCE & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [138]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship
"LYEEMOON," Captain C. Henderson, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 21st instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [139]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND Ports, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TAIWAN, &c.)

THE Steamship
"AUSTRALIAN," Captain Helms, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at 9 A.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures a plentiful supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage. This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Surgeon and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.
For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [140]

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THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 19th February, 1897, at 12 o'clock (NOON), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Twelve Months ending the 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 20th Jan., to TUESDAY, the 9th February (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.

Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [161]

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUISANG," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 20th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [136]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED, VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special returns to HOTELS, CLUBS, MENSES and other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1906. [142]

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINE AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best goods at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be decanted at the DISPENARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currents, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINE and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1906.

BIRTH.

On the 17th instant, at No. 1, Woodlands Terrace, the wife of ERNEST FREDERICK STOVELL, of a son.

DEATH.

On the 17th instant, at No. 1, Woodlands Terrace, the infant son of ERNEST FREDERICK STOVELL, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MON. JAN. 18, 1897.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

In the *Gazette* of Saturday last are published Rules and Regulations as to the erection of mat-sheds and other inflammable erections in the Colony intended for human habitation. They are made by the Governor in Council under the authority of Section 58 of The Building Ordinance 1889. They appear to meet all necessary requirements, with the following exceptions. There are no provisions as to fireplaces and cooking-stoves. These ought either to be in a detached building at a safe distance from the main structure, or if they form a part of the latter should be of brick or stone. Similarly, the latrine accommodation should be at a distance from the dwelling house and so placed, if possible, as not to drain towards it. If the floors of mat-sheds are on the average two and a half feet from the surface of the soil the Rules dispense with the necessity of levelling and concreting the surface. Two and a half feet is not enough. Through the imperfectly made floors of mat-sheds all sorts of dirt and rubbish will fall down and accumulate, and two and a half feet will not give either sufficient ventilation or sufficient head space for easy cleaning. The surface of the soil under all mat-sheds should be levelled and beaten flat and chummed if not concreted, both for drainage purposes, for cleanliness, and to avoid miasmatic exhalations.

In spite of all that has been said on the subject, we still think the census papers as circulated are very incomplete and imperfect. There is in the census paper for Europeans a reference to another paper which will be served with it for the enumeration of the Chinese servants in a household, and a paper in Chinese with headings in English and Chinese is certainly left on each household, but that paper does not itself show to any person ignorant of Chinese that it is the paper referred to. At sight it does not appear that it can be. It appears to be rather a return to be filled up by a Chinese household. The second column is headed, "Relation to Head of House." In European families the servants are not as a rule related to the master of the house. "Children's amah" or "cook" or "coolie" is not a relationship. We still adhere to our opinion that the column in the European census paper headed "Race" will lead to confusion and that the instructions connected with it are very badly thought out. There are several different schemes, according to which the human family has been divided into races and branches and stocks. There is the Caucasian race, the Negroid, the Mongolian, the Papuan, the Hamitic family or branch, the Semitic, the Aryan. Is a European to be entered as of the Aryan race, and a Japanese or a Chinaman or an inhabitant of Annam as of the Mongolian? Of what race is a German born in Europe and a German born in America and a subject of the United States? Of what race is a Hungarian, a subject of the dual monarchy, and of what nationality? He may be an Austro-Hungarian, but that is not, in these days, a nationality. Is an Irishman to describe himself as of the Celtic race, and is his nationality Irish, or English, or American, according to his residence or allegiance? Is a descendant of the Pilgrim Fathers of Anglo-Saxon race although American by birth and nationality? It seems a perfectly useless inquiry anyhow, unless more strictly limited and defined. For all practical purposes the one column headed "nationality" would serve all useful purposes. And this especially so if the census is taken not for general purposes but at the request and for the use of the Sanitary Board. Is it to find out to what extent the population has increased or diminished through the plague, or is it in connection with overcrowding? In any case, taken at this period of the year, it will be deceitful from the absence of many Chinese for their new year holidays, and if the Government be possessed of any common sense they will even now put it off for six weeks.

THE EMPRESS.
The news of the death of General Nogai's mother in Formosa greatly affected His Majesty, who has graciously contributed 300 yen towards the funeral expenses.

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TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE MASSACRE IN WEST AFRICA.

LONDON, January 14.
A telegram from the Brass Settlement states that Captain Belgrader and District Commissioner Locks were saved and that they wandered in the bush for six days in a wounded condition. Both are doing well. There is no hope for the rest of the expedition.

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(From *Diario de Manila*.)

THE WAR IN CUBA.

MADRID, January 7th.
General Weyler reports that the province of Pinar del Rio is pacified.

MADRID, January 10th.
Telegrams to foreign papers report that Maximilian, the rebel leader, is dead, and has no resources at his command, and favors "peace at any price."

(Special to *China Gazette*.)

THE REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

MANILA, January 10th.
Since the engagement at Santa Maria, there has been nothing decisive to report. There has only been desultory fighting around the headquarters at Pasig between Laguna and the Bay in which the Spanish army has been invariably victorious. But a small force of the Spanish, which had by some reason or other become isolated from the main body of the army near Pasig, suffered severely and they were reinforced. Aguinaldo, the rebel leader, commanding six thousand rebels from Cavite, is lying in ambush about that region, and is enlisting recruits and vainly attempting a junction with the Salanan men. It is believed generally that the rebels contemplate reprisals if Roxas is executed. But this will not deter General Polvorin from carrying out his plans. The bulk of the Spanish troops are now operating in small mobile columns near Bulacan and North-east of Manila. Troops were sent out on Friday to Iba, the capital of the Zambales and to Bolinao, to protect the cable. Bulacan itself is peaceful.

MANILA, January 11st.
Roxas, the rebel leader, about whose execution the natives threatened reprisals, was shot yesterday together with twelve others, among whom was a Lieutenant of the Infantry. This makes a total of twenty-six executed this week, among them also being three priests. The condemned prisoners maintained a calm bearing, and were to their doom with a firm step and never showed the least signs of wavering. Crowds assembled at the place of execution, and when the doomed men were before their executioners a dead silence reigned all round. The prisoners maintained their courage to the last. At Mindanao seven soldiers were shot, it having been ascertained that they were in conspiracy with the rebels. It is reported that about half of those who had been exiled to the Yap Carolines, numbering in all about one hundred, were shot down while attempting to escape. It is expected that the Spanish forces will attack Cavite before the end of the month. The rebels are evidently dispirited over the wholesale execution of their leaders. But General Polvorin stands firm, and offers prisoners no quarter.

(Special to *Shanghai Mercury*.)

THE CAREW CASE.

YOKOHAMA, January 12th.
In Court to-day, the constable is giving in evidence, stated that in searching Miss Jacob's room he found duplicate documents. After the Court adjourned Miss Jacob was admitted to bail.

"THE WOMAN IN BLACK."

Mrs. Carew was called, and in reply to a question stated that she did not recognise the "Woman in Black," who called to see Mr. Carew on the 10th October.

MISS JACOBS.

YOKOHAMA, January 13th.
Miss Jacobs' case has been adjourned until Monday, January 25th.

[The "documents" above mentioned may be either the "Annie Lake" letter, or the letters that were attached to her.]

(From *Japanese Papers*.)

THE EMPEROR'S INDISPOSITION.

TOKIO, January 6th.
His Majesty the Emperor is much better to-day. His temperature, when he rose, was normal. H.I.H. Prince Komatsu called upon His Majesty during the morning and conversed with him.

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STRAITS papers received here to-day contain lengthy reports of a strike of ricksha coolies which commenced on the 6th inst. They, or rather the ricksha-owners, objected to be placed under proper municipal control and pay reasonable registration fees. When the mail left Singapore there was reason to believe the Government would triumph and result in the street traffic of the sister colony being regulated in a proper manner.

In the Italian navy a change is being made regarding the heavy ordnance. There are twenty-four 120 and 105 ton guns of 17-inch calibre carried on the *Bulio*, *Doria*, *Lauris*, *Lepanto*, *Morast*, *Italia* and *Dandolo* and they are to be replaced with more moderate-sized weapons. The *Dandolo* has already been fitted with four 10-inch rifles and seven 6-inch quick-firing guns. The fact that some of the 17-inch guns have been in service since 1878 and have therefore long ago fired their 100 rounds, which is said to constitute their lifetime, may account for this material reduction.

A VERY successful 'smoking concert' was given in the recreation room at Kowloon Docks on Saturday night by the local detachment of the Hongkong Volunteers. The attendance was large and amongst those present were Captain Chapman

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail S. S. Co.'s steamer *Cuba*, Capt. W. B. Seabury, from San Francisco, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, with mails up to 19th December, arrived in port this morning. From our San Francisco exchanges we take the following telegrams:—

ROME, Italy, December 14th.
A sensational scene occurred in the Chamber of Deputies to-day over the allowance for the Signor Costa. In the course of the debate Signor Costa, Socialist, declared that the monarchy was not only a nuisance but a dangerous institution. The President of the Chamber forbade him to speak further. A fight followed. Some exchanged blows. The tumult continued for a long time. Finally the bill granting the annual allowance of 1,000,000 francs was carried amid great confusion.

QUEENSTOWN, December 16th.
The British steamer *Hail Moore*, from Newcastle on November 24th for Baltimore, lost her propeller in a storm. She was picked up yesterday by the British steamer *British Empire*, when ninety-four miles south-east of Queenstown, and was towed into this port to-day. The *Hail Moore* had drifted for sixteen days.

HAMBURG, December 16th.
There were disturbances to-day in many parts of the docks, and a fight between the strikers and the police occurred, during which several persons were injured and a number of arrests were made. The strikers, in the evening, attacked and burned the Stevedores' Association. Work proceeded to-day on 108 vessels, and thirty-three other ships are at a standstill.

PARIS, December 16th.
The Chamber of Deputies to-day passed the naval budget. Admiral Bessard, the Minister of Marine, promised to introduce schemes for the defence of Cherbourg and Brest. During the discussion of the army budget M. Juvénat, Socialist deputy from the Tarn, moved that the term of military service be reduced to one year. General Billot, the Minister for War, opposed the motion. He said he could not forget that the frontiers of France were open, and that one year of service would reduce the strength of the army, and in the present time the army must be ready to take the field at any moment. The motion was rejected by a vote of 464 to 50.

PARIS, December 16th.
The death is announced of Vincent Auguste Margon, a dramatist and famous as a rival of Victor Hugo.

LONDON, December 17th.
Mrs. J. Coleman Drayton, daughter of Mrs. William Astor, was married in St. Columba's Church this afternoon to George Haig, a member of the firm of Haig & Haig, whisky merchants of London. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Donald MacLeod D.D., pastor of the church and one of the Queen's chaplains in the National Church of Scotland.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., December 17th.
Hon. M. K. Duty, one of the prominent lawyers in this State, was murdered in his office at Parkersburg by Ed Collins this afternoon. About 5 o'clock Benton Thomas, a client of Duty's, called on the latter on business. Collins, a well-known oilman, entered and began an abusive attack upon Thomas. Duty ordered Collins to leave the office, whereupon the latter rushed at Duty with a long knife. Duty received three slashes across the abdomen and one over the liver, and he died shortly afterward. Before Duty fell he struck Collins on the head with a poker, and it is believed he is also badly injured. Officers are looking for Collins, who is said to be a desperate man. Duty was the late Democratic candidate for Circuit Judge of Ritchie County.

BRISTOL, December 17th.
Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, the American Minister, arrived here to-day in response to an invitation to distribute the prizes and deliver an address to the students of the Technical School of the Society of Merchant Venturers. He took luncheon with the Council of the British Chamber of Commerce in the boardroom of the Council. Replying to a toast the health of the guest of the occasion, Mr. Bayard said that there was much in the hearts of Americans to-day to make them look upon England as their old home. The news of the disaster, he said, was a terrible blow. Continuing, he expressed hope that when he returned to America no cloud would obstruct the vision of any liberal-minded man.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 17th.
Edward Nixon, the Elizabethport (N.J.) ship-builder, visited the Navy Department to-day to announce his readiness to launch the submarine *Amphibious* Wednesday, the 19th inst. She will be the third of three vessels to be floated, her sisters, the *Neptune* and *Viking*, having been launched at Bath, Me., about two weeks ago. The fourth of this type, with single screw and large sail area, is the *Princeton*, which Diage of Camden hopes to launch next March. The other two gunboats, of similar displacement, authorized simultaneously by Congress, are the *Whaling* and *Maritima*, which the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, are preparing to launch in January. They have two screws and no sails. It is expected that these vessels will be in commission early next summer.

MADRID, December 17th.
The Spanish Government has authorized the publication by the newspapers here of a statement declaring that the rumours that General Macaco was murdered by poison or in any other manner are baseless and untrue, and warning that the insurgent leader who is killed in the fortuitous encounter between the rebels and the Spanish troops.

NEW YORK, December 17th.
San Stear, the Texas operator of prizefight, met Corbett this afternoon to sign for a fight with Robert Fitzsimmons. Stear's proposition was a purse of \$15,000, the content to be fought in January, the Texas agreeing to furnish the battle ground, failing in which he will forfeit a purse. Corbett signed the articles.

A special cable dispatch from Vienna says: A fearful typhus epidemic continues to rage in the Austrian naval station of Pola. The streets are almost deserted, all who are able fleeing from the place. Amusements and even meetings in the open air are prohibited. The dead are buried without any ceremony. The number of sick is increasing, and the epidemic has spread to the naval hospital, where there are only six male and eight female attendants.

PARIS, December 17th.
Baron Bygrave, author of "Les Petites Mémoires de l'Opéra" and late-in-law of Robert McLean, formerly United States Minister to France, is dead.

The Government has seized Baron Bygrave's papers, which contained memoirs of secret diplomatic negotiations.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., December 17th.
Interesting South American news was received to-day. The threatened revolution in Chili took the more pacific turn of a strike in the Cabinet. But though there is no open outbreak the situation is so strained that predictions of

revolution are openly made, unless President Errazuriz agrees to reforms demanded by the Liberales. The Chamber of Deputies will not compromise, while the President is equally determined to have his way and to over-ride the Congress.

LONDON, December 17th.
Dr. Naansen has accepted an invitation tendered by the Savage Club, to be its guest at a banquet on the first Saturday in February next. Two days later he will deliver an address before the members of the Royal Geographical Society, and on the following day will lecture in public for the first time at St. James Hall.

DES MOINES, IOWA, December 17th.
Governor F. M. Drake in an interview to-day says he thinks it is time for the United States to recognize the independence of Cuba. The Governor speaks warmly of the Cuban cause, and is anxious to aid the patriots. Assistant-General Wright is flooded with letters from men who wish to go to the front. Governor Drake denies the rumour that he court-martialed George P. Guoyot, his chief engineer, who is raising a regiment to go to the front to aid Cuba. He is in sympathy with Guoyot.

NEW YORK, December 17th.
A Herald special from New Orleans says: Arnold de Forest of Paris registered a few days ago at the St. Charles Hotel here. It became known yesterday that he is the adopted son of the late Baron Hirsch, the philanthropist and humanitarian, that he is heir to a fortune of about \$10,000,000, and that he came to the United States to escape military duty in France. In an interview yesterday he said: "I am the adopted son of the late Baron Hirsch. My parents were great friends of his, and they died when I was at such a tender age that I cannot remember them. I was educated in England, and came to America to escape the French military laws."

LONDON, December 17th.
The *Times* will print to-morrow a despatch from Singapore saying that the Spanish troops now stationed on the islands composing the Philippine group will be withdrawn and concentrated in and about Manila, the capital of the islands. The rebels, according to this despatch, number 50,000.

MUNICH, December 17th.
An explosion occurred in Greiner's match factory at Aachenburg, Bavaria, last evening, demolishing the building, killing fifteen girls and seriously injuring seven others.

LONDON, English December 18th.
Committing to-morrow on the action of the Foreign Relations Committee of the American Senate in agreeing to report favourably on Senator Cameron's resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba. The committee will see it is of the opinion that the committee's action will not tend to any immediate result. It remarks that the condition of Cuba is a serious matter, and is naturally irritating to the neighbouring Republic. The strength of the supporters of the resolution lies in the fact that Spain is unable to subdue Cuba or let the island alone.

NEW YORK, December 18th.
A special cable despatch to the *Herald* from Tunis says: Captain Servotte, the naval attaché here, was killed here to-day in a duel with swords by Maltré, Juge de Paix.

ADELAIDE (South Australia), Dec. 18th.
The bill to restrict the immigration of the coloured races has passed the Legislative Council.

THE "SALLER" DISASTER.

Several telegraphic dispatches are published in the American papers which arrived by mail to-day respecting the wreck of the North German Lloyd steamer *Saller* on the coast of Spain, as telegraphed by Reuters at the time. The dispatches agree in stating that the steamer left Antwerp with 210 passengers, and she carried besides a crew of 65; but it is said that many more passengers embarked at the intermediate ports. Lloyd's agent at Coruna gives the number on board as 381; a dispatch to the *Columbian Gazette* from Coruna places the number at "between 400 and 500."

A dispatch from Coruna dated December 17th states:—The *Saller* was commanded by Captain Wenne and she had a general cargo. The disaster occurred during a dense fog and heavy weather. The *Saller* had a fearful passage from Bremen to Coruna. Two of her boats were swept overboard by a heavy sea which beat over her, and she sustained other damages. The steamer struck to-night on a ledge of rocks two and a half miles from Coruna. She was bound to Villagarcia, where she was to ship another lot of stowage passengers bound for Buenos Ayres. The *Saller* had run far enough south to clear the rocks off Cape Corrubedo before she boarded her helm and heading south-west, gradually pointing on westward and then in a north-westerly direction in order to head into the bay leading on to Villagarcia. Captain Wenne seems to have been thrown out of his reckoning by the fog and rain and to have headed to port too soon, with the result that he failed to clear the rocks below Cape Corrubedo and went down with his ship and all hands.

Of the stowage passengers there were over 100 Russians, about 35 Galicians and about 200 Spaniards, all on their way to the Argentine Republic, looking for homes for themselves and families. If the disaster had occurred after the *Saller* touched at Villagarcia the loss of life would have been much greater, as it is understood there were many men, women and children waiting at that place to embark on the steamer. The whole coast in the vicinity of the wreck is being searched for survivors, and all hope is not yet given up of picking up some one who may be able to give details of the calamity, but so far none has been found.

The agents of the North German Lloyd have been instructed from Bremen to spare no expense in searching for the missing passengers and crew of the sunken steamer. It is known that the *Saller* had a pilot on board when she struck. The weather, however, which the steamer encountered is described as being in the nature of a hurricane. The *Saller* was an old vessel which the North German Lloyd Company had agreed to sell to an Italian firm trading between Italy and American ports, but owing to some slight disagreement as to the terms the deal was not completed and the steamer was sent on another voyage. She was considered to be in every way seaworthy. She was of 5,000 tons register, 325 feet long, brig rigged and had a single propeller. Captain Wenne had commanded her for a number of years.

Owing to the fact that there seems to be no survivors of the wreck, there is little to look back on to account of the disaster. Experts here look upon the loss of the *Saller* as having possibly been due to her having crashed upon the rocks in a fog, as was the case of the British steamer *Drummond Castle*, which was lost in June last off north-western extremity of France, with 250 people. Another theory is that the *Saller*'s steering gear may have been carried away while she was heading around the rocks near Villagarcia, and she thus became unmanageable and was driven against the reef, which was about two and a half miles from the shore.

THE CAREW CASE.

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Kobe, January 7th.

As we have already announced by special telegram, the trial of Mrs. Carew commenced in N.B.M.'s Court for Japan at Yokohama and a jury whose members were given by us yesterday. The *Gazette* observes that Mrs. Carew came up to the Court in a closed victoria. She was attired in deep mourning and the vehicle was proceeding at a walking pace followed by two men. Accompanied by her brother and the waiter, Mrs. Carew entered the Court within two minutes of the hour and as she took her seat at the back of the place reserved for her counsel, it was noticed that her face wore an expression of cheerful composure. The Judge was accompanied into Court by Mr. Troop, who also sat on the Bench. When the Judge was seated, Mr. Moss, Clerk of the Court, read the charges to the jury to which Mrs. Carew replied in clear and distinct tones, without betraying the slightest quiver in her voice. "I am not guilty," Mr. Lower then said "I have to apply under advice of her medical attendant that the prisoner be allowed a rest." "Certainly," replied the Judge. Mrs. Carew then moved into the dock. Mr. Kitcher bringing a chair. Mr. Lower stated that he appeared on behalf of the prisoner, and Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Litchfield that they appeared on behalf of the Crown, the Judge acknowledging the statements of the counsel. Mr. Moss then asked the jury whether they had answered the charge to which Mrs. Carew replied in clear and distinct tones, without betraying the slightest quiver in her voice. "I am not guilty," Mr. Lower then said "I have to apply under advice of her medical attendant that the prisoner be allowed a rest." "Certainly," replied the Judge. Mrs. Carew then moved into the dock. Mr. Kitcher bringing a chair. 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